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SUBJ: GOTG SEIZES THREE FISHING FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS FOR
UNAUTHORIZED FISHING GAMBIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS

ABIDJAN FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

1. GOTG LATE MAY 15 SEIZED THREE FISHING VESSELS. EUROPEAN AND
AFRICAN CREW TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, SHIPS BOARDED BY GAMBIAN FIELD
FORCE. CATCHES ORDERED SOLD TO GAMBIA FISHERIES, LTD., PROCEEDS
TURNED OVER TO GAMBIA PORTS AUTHORITY. LIKELY HEAVY FINES WILL BE
IMPOSED AND FISHING GEAR SEIZED. ALSO PROBABLE SHIPS WILL BE
HELD UNTIL FINES PAID.

2. SHIPS ARE:

A. JULES CADIEU, REPORTEDLY FRENCH REGISTERED, OWNED BY SOCIETE OR
COMPAGNIE LUCAS, BASED AT ABIDJAN.

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B. DEGLOS L, ITALIAN, 817 TON COMBINED FISHING/FACTORY SHIP REPORTEDLY

HOME PORTED AT BARI.

C. MARIE FRANCOISE, SENEGALESE.

3. THE GAMBIA HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN UNABLE TO APPREHEND NUMEROUS FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS FISHING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS. GPA OFFICIALS CLAIM ALL THREE VESSELS SEIZED YESTERDAY WERE WELL WITHIN THE GAMBIA RIVER ESTUARY. SENEGAL RECENTLY TOOK A GAMBIAN VESSEL IN CUSTODY AND IMPOSED A HEAVY FINE. RETALIATORY ACTION PROBABLE. IF ESTABLISHED THAT SENEGALESE FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE. MCFARLAND

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